

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2-4 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1, 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sarver in U.S. Patent No. 5,402,664. Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sarver in U.S. Patent No. 5,402,664 and further in view of Simons in U.S. Patent No. 2,029,039.

One difference between the present invention and the cited reference to Sarver consists in that in the former the annular projection 20 of the sleeve support or casing 6 and the annular projection 22 of the threading die 11 are coupled together by manual pressure mounting (see page 3, lines 28-29, of the description and Fig. 2 of the drawings) while in the latter a screw coupling is provided. Further, claim 1 states that sleeve 5 terminates with an extension 9 extending into conical hole 14 of threading die 11.

In Sarver and Simons, none of the sleeve extends into a threading die. In Sarver, nib 14 abuts nib 18 without extension into one another. Similarly, in Simons, die 10 is isolated from other than abutting engagement with any other parts. Therefore, claim 1 is distinguished over the cited references taken alone or in combination.

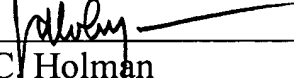
With respect to the IDS filed on July 12, 2005, attached is a copy of a date stamped postcard evidencing the filing of the IDS with the listed references. Accordingly, a copy of the IDS and references filed on July 12, 2005 are attached for consideration of the IDS, without a fee.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

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